

## Environmental Policy Facts

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) applies to all projects that receive federal money or require federal approval. It requires the federal agency to consider the environmental consequences of a proposed action and to make that information available to the public. The goal is to balance the need for a sustainable environment with other national needs and goals. For more information, <http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/projdev/index.asp>
- Comprehensive environmental documents are available to the public via the internet, local libraries, government offices, and INDOT District Offices.
- INDOT affords the public the opportunity to provide input on all projects. See the INDOT Public Involvement page at for more detailed information.
- For information on Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation visit the Environmental Services Policy page.

## NEPA Facts

- Additional Information (AI) documents can be formatted in different ways. For minor changes, the AI can be written in a memo format. For more complicated changes, a new Category Exclusion (CE) may be necessary.
- The Commitments database is an electronic tracking system for commitments made by INDOT (or the local public agency (LPA)) during the development of a project. It helps communicate the commitments to those later in the process who will need to meet them, and helps to ensure they are met. Since the database is accessed from within INDOT's intranet, only INDOT personnel can access the database and enter commitments directly. However, an Excel-format spreadsheet is available that can be completed by consultants or other external parties for importing by the appropriate INDOT staff.

## Hazardous Materials Facts

- All projects should have some Red Flag completed prior to starting the NEPA process. Any project requiring purchase of ROW or having excavation **must** have a red flag approved by the Hazardous Materials Supervisor.
- A Phase I investigation is needed on all projects that Red Flag indicates the presence of a recognized hazardous materials concern within the established search distance in the project area.
- A Phase II investigation is necessary on any project that a Phase I investigation reveals a possible environmental concern that may affect the project or a parcel to be purchased. Also, if any Phase I investigation that cannot eliminate environmental concerns without the addition of soil/subsurface investigations.
- The Hazmat unit assist with producing or reviewing tank closure documents (review), Environmental Restrictive covenants (produce and review), Further Site investigations (produce and review on a limited basis), waste classification (produce and review on a limited basis), Corrective Action Plans (review), ground water monitoring reports (review), etc.